

# Waltar named to head PNNL Nuclear Safety

Alan Waltar has been named director of the Nuclear Safety and Technology Program at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. He begins his tenure July 1. Currently, Waltar is the head of the Nuclear Engineering Department at Texas A&M University.

In making the announcement, the PNNL associate director for Energy, Science and Technology, Mike Lawrence, noted that Waltar “is highly respected by the international nuclear community and will be a great asset to the renewal and growth of PNNL’s nuclear programs.”

Waltar is a fellow and past president of the American Nuclear Society and a member of the International Nuclear Energy Academy. He has served as a consultant to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Energy Northwest, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Department of Energy. Waltar also has been a key member of the PNNL Advanced Nuclear Science and Technology Initiative’s external advisory group.

Before moving to Texas in 1998, Waltar spent nearly 25 years with Westinghouse. His work on projects such as the regulatory approval of and subsequent safety and fuels testing in the Fast Flux Test Facility earned him a reputation as a leader in nuclear safety and technology. In addition to two books, Waltar has authored more than 65 open literature publications and is in demand as a speaker on nuclear energy and technology.

Waltar holds a doctorate in engineering science from the University of California at Berkeley and a master’s degree in nuclear engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering at the University of Washington.■



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